

**Genesee County Association of Fire Chief's**

Meeting Minutes

**April 21, 2021**

Held Virtually via Zoom

- I. **Call to Order by the President Campbell at 19:06**
- II. **Secretary's Report:**
  - a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the March 2021 meeting as distributed.
    - i. **Moved By: Chief Young**
    - ii. **Supported: Chief Blight**
    - iii. **Discussion: None**
    - iv. **Voice vote taken. PASSED**
  - b. All dues have been paid.
- III. **Financial Report:**
  - a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the financial reports as distributed.
    - i. **Moved By: Chief Blight**
    - ii. **Supported: Chief Wilkinson**
    - iii. **Discussion: None**
    - iv. **Voice vote taken. PASSED**
  - b. **HAZMAT Team Expenditures**
    - i. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve Shell invoice in the amount of \$179.52 for fueling of the CBRNE and City Truck that took place on March 20, 2021 with an invoice being sent to the county for the cost of the fueling of the City Truck on March 20, 2021.
      1. **Moved By: Chief Wilkinson**
      2. **Supported: Chief Schreiber**
      3. **Discussion: The "City truck" is not authorized to use the Shell fleet card and is supposed to fill up at the county pumps. Chief Blight stated that the City Truck could not gain access to the county pumps, so he had them fill up with the Shell fuel card. Discussion took place on invoicing the county for the cost of fueling the City Truck. It was suggested that the Sheriff be looped into the issue with HAZMAT funding issues. Extensive discussion also took place on getting detailed expenditure report from the county for the HAZMAT budget for the past five years even if it must be received from FOIA. Chief Campbell has also had discussions with Commissioner Mark Young. Deputy Director Jones also spoke about the issues 911 had with the county regarding receiving their 911 funding checks from the county. He will send the County CFO contact to the Secretary/Treasurer and**
      4. **Voice vote taken. PASSED**
- IV. **Host Department: Atlas Township**
- V. **Presentations (Presentations are to be 15 minutes of less):**
  - a. None
- VI. **Communications:**
  - a. Sustaining Members in Attendance
- VII. **Reports from Standing Committees:**

**911 Advisory Committee (Ryan Volz):**

- a. Argentine Township Fire Department turned their information into 911 as required.
- b. Tyler/New Word – Mobile. This will be handled within this committee per Chief Campbell. Subcommittee can be formed or the use of existing standing committees that report to this committee if needed to address specific topics such as EMS or MABAS.
  - i. Training Locations – September 2022.
  - ii. Approximately 650 firefighters throughout the county.
    1. All firefighters going to be trained at the training sites or train the trainers for departments and they teach at their own departments?
  - iii. List of all current RMS systems being used.
    1. 911 requested that all fire departments report to 911 what RMS they are using. Chief Schreiber volunteered to receive and solicit the information and then report it back to Chief Volz.
  - iv. Chief Volz stated all members to solicit ideas to the 911 advisory committee. Director Jones further explained that everyone should voice their concerns and follow the proper chain of command (which is through Chief Volz and the 911 advisory committee).

**Coordination (James Young):**

- a. Nothing to report.

**EMS (Bob Cairnduff):**

- a. Nothing to report.

**Firefighter of the Year (Bob Cairnduff):**

- a. Recipients have been selected. Awards will be presented as discussed in the February 2021 meeting which will be at the beginning of the June 2021 meeting.

**Firefighter Memorial (Jeff Holbin):**

- a. Memorial is still on track as normal. The company hired to redo the memorial has begun work Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and should be done by Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

**HAZMAT Team (Ed Blight):**

- a. No activity.
- b. The shore power battery charger has been replaced. The truck is in service. The invoice will be sent to the county from Halt Fire Equipment.
- c. Absorbent has been purchased and placed on both vehicles. The charge was placed on my credit card. The invoice was submitted to the County. As of today, I have not received any reimbursement.

**Honor Guard (Rich Cummings):**

- a. Posted flags for the Montrose/Mobile Medical Response fire academy banquet on April 11, 2021. Members present were Cummings, Smith, and Holbin.

**Local Emergency Planning (Bob Cairnduff):**

- a. Nothing to report, no meetings have taken place.

**Legislative (Bob Burdette):**

- a. Nothing to report.

**MABAS (Bob Burdette):**

- a. Chief Cairnduff reports that we are having trouble with the software vendor. Recently spoke with the vendor and started working on updates. Also, need to speak with 911 IT department about modifications that need to be made. Data update will take place, hopefully, sometime in June. If anyone needs to change their zones they d

**MUSAR (Troy Brancheau):**

- a. No report submitted.

**Standards (Mike Vogt):**

- a. Nothing to report.

**Training Committee (Brendt Cole):**

- a. New classes have been posted on the Chief's website. All posted classes at this time are free of charge to all NFIRS compliant departments.
- b. Academy testing took place on April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>. Written test results should be received in SMOKE within two weeks.

**VIII. Reports from Supporting Organizations:**

**Office of Emergency Management (Jeff Wilson):**

- a. No report submitted.

**Genesee County 911 (Tim Jones):**

- a. CAD/RMS – Tyler Discovery Meetings still in progress. April 12, 2021 was the first EMS/FIRE discovery meeting.
- b. The round table discussion panel for the fulltime fire dispatchers that was scheduled for April 7, 2021 was cancelled due to COVID conditions at the 9-1-1 Center. This meeting will be re-scheduled once COVID situation slows down.
- c. Friends of the 9-1-1 Committee moving forward with the May 4, 2021 renewal campaign.
- d. State of Michigan has filed Comments with the FCC Fee Diversion. Once posted by the federal registrar there will be a twenty (20) day window for comments. Michigan has not diverted funds in the past based on the E911 Service Enabling Act and allowable/disallowable list. The main difference is the FCC is containing the spending to the 911 center only where Michigan has taken a 911 ecosystem approach. Attached is Michigan's Comments to the FCC.
  - i. Director Jones provided further information on the 911 diversion funds from an email he received from Pat Combs who is the state's representative to voice 911 concerns to the FCC.
- e. The company that owns the prime tower in Genesee Township on Energy Dr. has reached out to 911 to donate the tower. 911 is working on the obtaining the tower and land. Meetings are continuing but, it appears 911 will obtain ownership of the tower at the very least.

**Department of Natural Resources (Matt Feldpausch):**

- a. No report submitted.

**American Red Cross (Dick Beauchamp):**

- a. Red Cross handled 10 events for 12 households consisting of 23 adults and 14 children.
- b. Sound the Alarm and Home Fire Campaign flyer sent out.

**Salvation Army (Lydia Sanchez-Roat):**

- a. No report submitted.

**IX. Reports from Special Committees:**

*HAZMAT Team Sustainability (James Young):*

- a. Still exploring funding options which is the biggest hurdle at this point. Currently, OEM does not believe it is the best time to ask the county for more money but, the HAZMAT team cannot operate on the \$8,000.00 allotment. Continuing to explore cost recovery and a millage option.
- b. Chief Young also had discussions with the previous EM to obtain history of the team and funding.

**X. Old Business:**

- a. None

**XI. New Business:**

- a. None

**XII. Comments from the Floor:**

- a. Chief Barton thanked all the departments who came into the City who assisted with their recent fires, especially those departments who sent Ladders.
- b. Chief Barton also asked 911 if they could have a meeting to discuss what medical calls they respond on due to the lack of transporting EMS units. Director Jones had issues with his Zoom interface but later regained the interface and was notified of Chief Barton's request. He also spoke about the lack of ambulances and how it is occurring multiple times daily. Discussion with members and Director Jones also took place on how the county is a free-market EMS system and how medical control interfaces with the ambulances.

**XIII. Adjournment at 19:47**